ARTICLES

To be Enquired of within the

Dioceſe of Carlile,

IN THE

Ordinary Viſitation

OF THE

Right Reverend Father in God,

WILLIAM,

Lord Biſhop of

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The Tenour of the Oath to be administer'd to the
CHURCH-WARDENS.

YOU shall, upon due Consideration of the Articles given you in Charge, true Presentment make of all such Defaults and offences as you know to be presentable by the Ecclesiastical Laws of this Realm.

So help you God.

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TO MY

Reverend Brethren

OF THE

CLERGY.

THAT *this Year's Visitation may the more effectually answer its End, 'tis hoped that each of you, in your respective Parishes* (being the Persons that should have the chief Care for the Suppressing of Sin and Impiety, *Can.* 113.) *will read over the following* Articles *to your Church-wardens; and use your best Endeavours that they may not, either through Ignorance or Corruption, fail in the due Presentment of all such Disorders as want a Reformation.*

What I would most especially (at this time) recommend to your Diligence and theirs, is, a strict Enquiry into the Abilities and Orthodox Principles of such as are intrusted with the Education of Youth; whether in your publick (Endow'd) Schools, or private Houses; according to the Questions here put, Tit. vi. *Many and great*

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are the Bleſſings that have lately enſu'd upon the Erection of Charity-Schools *in ſundry of our chief Cities and Corporation Towns: wherein vaſt Numbers of poor Children have been happily educated in the Knowledge and Practice of the Chriſtian Religion, as profeſs'd and taught in the Eſtabliſh'd Church of* England, *as well as in other parts of Learning ſuitable to their Condition. To encourage and promote this Godly Zeal, let us all joyntly endeavour to convince ſuch amongſt us as are both able and willing to follow thoſe good Examples, that the Sums they advance this way are not like to be miſemploy'd: By ſhewing them that we are truly and conſcientiouſly faithful in the due Management of whatever (in that kind) has been hitherto committed to our Truſt: That ſuch School-Maſters are entertain'd, ſuch Pains taken, and ſuch Proficiency made, as are anſwerable to the pious Hopes of our Founders and Benefactors. This is what I now propoſe to you, as a Work wherein I ſhall heartily deſire to* Labour with you *this Summer; and 'tis ſo much the* Work of the Lord, *as that I cannot doubt of having his Bleſſing upon it, ſo as that our* Labour will not be in vain in the Lord.

W. Carliol.

ARTICLES OF VISITATION and ENQUIRY, Within the Diocese of *CARLILE.*

Tit. I.

Concerning Churches and Chapels; with the Ornaments and Furniture belonging to them.

1. S the Fabrick of your Church (or Chapel) kept in good Repair, within and without; the Roof being well cover'd, the Bells good and found, the Windows glaz'd, the Floors pav'd, the Walls plaister'd, and the Seats fast and conveniently placed?

2. Have you a *Font* of Stone, standing in a convenient place towards the lower end of the Church, with a decent Cover to it, for the Administration of Baptism? Is there also a Communion-Table fitly placed and secured from Abuses, cover'd with a fair Carpet of Silk or other decent Stuff, in time of Divine Service; and with a fair Linen Cloth, at the time of the Administring the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper? What Cup, Chalice, Paten or Flagons, have you thereunto belonging?

3. Is there a convenient Seat for the Minister to read Divine Service in; and a Pulpit, with a proper Cloth and

and Cuſhion for the ſame? Have any Pews or Seats been erected by any private Perſon, without leave from the Ordinary?

4. Have you a large *Engliſh* Bible of the laſt Tranſlation, with the Book of Common-Prayer, well-bound? Have you the Book of Homilies publiſh'd by Authority, the Book of Canons, a Table of the Degrees allow'd and prohibited in Matrimony, the Thirty-nine Articles of the Church of *England*, and Biſhop *Jewell*'s Works? Or, have any of theſe been loſt and embezzled?

5. Have you a Regiſter-Book of Parchment, for all thoſe that are Chriſtened, Marry'd and Bury'd in your Pariſh? Is the Tranſcript thereof yearly and duly, within one Month after the 25th day of *March*, given into the Biſhop's Regiſtry? Have you likewiſe a Paper-Book where the Names of all Strangers that preach or officiate in your Church are recorded; and another like Book for the Church-Wardens Accompts?

6. Have you a fair Surplice, for the Miniſter to wear at all times of his publick Miniſtration, provided and duly waſhed at the Charge of the Pariſh?

7. Have you a good ſtrong Cheſt, with three Locks and Keys, for the Alms of the Congregation? and another for the Books and Ornaments of the Chnrch?

8. Have yov a Bier, with a Herſe-Cloth, for the decent Burial of the Dead?

Tit. II.

Concerning the Church yard, Houſes, Glebes, Tithes, and other Poſſeſſions of the Church.

1. IS your Church-yard ſufficiently fenced with Walls Pales, or Rales; and decently kept from all Annoyance and Encroachments? Are the Trees (if any) therein carefuliy preſerved? Have any Doors been made into it, without the Conſent and Licenſe of the Ordinary?

2. Is your Miniſter's Manſion-houſe, with all Outhouſes thereto belonging, kept in good and ſufficient Repair? Have any of them been lately pull'd down or defaced? Have any Encroach'd upon the Lands thereto belonging? or cut down any Trees growing thereon?

3. Have yov a perfect Terrier of all the Glebe-Lands, Gardens, Orchards and Tenements, belonging to your Parſonage, or Vicarage? as alſo a particular Liſt of ſuch perſons, Tithes, Augmentations by Biſhops or Deans and Chapters, and all other yearly Profits, as are any way belonging thereunto? Is a true Copy of ſuch Liſt and Terrier now tranſmitted into the Biſhop's Rigiſtry?

4. Have any of the antient Glebe-Lands of your Pariſh been lately loſt, or alienated by Sale or Exchange, without Licenſe from the Ordinary, and free Conſent of the Incumbent? Are any of them, as you believe now occupy'd by the Patron or his Aſſignees?

5. Are there any Preſcriptions or Compoſitions for

Tithes

Tithes pretended or claimed by any of the Parishioners, which you think are not truly and really such, nor warrantable by Law?

6. Have you any Church-Stock? In whose hands is it? To what Uses was it given? And is it now employed to the same Uses? If not, in whom is the Fault?

Tit. III.

Enquiries concerning the Parson, Vicar or Curate.

1. IS your Minister Episcopally ordain'd, according to the Laws of the Church and Realm of *England*? Is he reported or suspected to have obtained his Orders or Benefice by any *Simoniacal* Compact? Is he legally Instituted and Inducted into his Living? and did he, within two Months after his Induction, publickly read in the Church, during the time of Divine Service, the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion establish'd in *England*, declaring his Assent thereunto? Hath he declared his unfaigned Assent and Consent to the use of all things contained in the Book of Common-Prayer, and read the Ordinary's Certificate of his Subscription to the Declaration, according to the Act of Uniformity?

2. Hath he been Licensed to Preach by the Archbishop of his Province, the Bishop of the Diocese, or one of the Universities of this Realm? Doth he diligently read Divine Service, and preach every Lord's day, unless hinder'd by Sickness or reasonable Absence; and, in such Cases, doth he procure some other Lawful Minister to perform those and other Ministerial Duties?

Duties? Doth he, before his Sermon, pray according to the Form preſcribed in the 55th Canon?

3. Doth he, in the Morning and Evening-Service, in the Adminiſtration of the Sacraments, and all other Religious Offices appointed by the Church, uſe the reſpective Forms in the Book of Common-Prayer, without adding, altering, or diminiſhing, upon any pretence; together with all thoſe Rites and Ceremonies that are enjoyn'd by the Rubrick? And, doth he conſtantly make uſe of the Surplice, when he reads Divine Service, or adminiſters the Sacraments?

4. Doth he diligently Catechiſe the Youth of the Pariſh, every Sunday and Holiday, before Evening-Service? Doth he prepare and procure them (as occaſion is offer'd) to be Confirm'd by the Biſhop? And, doth he confer with, and endeavour to reclaim, all Popiſh Recuſants and Sectaries in your Pariſh, to the true (eſtabliſh'd) Religion?

5. Is he a Perſon of Sober, Unblameable and Exemplary Life, being Grave, Modeſt and Regular in his Converſation and Apparel? Or, on the contrary, is his Carriage any way diſorderly or ſcandalous; and unbecoming his Calling and Charge?

6. Is he ready to viſit the Sick? Doth he examine, admoniſh, exhort, comfort and abſolve, according to the Order preſcribed; hath he revealed what any have confeſs'd for the Unburthening of their Conſciences and receiving ſpiritual Conſolation?

7. Doth he Baptize Infants in danger of Death, if deſired? Have thoſe Children which have been baptized in private Houſes by the Miniſter of the Pariſh, after-

wards been brought unto the Church; and did the Miniſter there certify the Congregation, That the true Form of Baptiſm was by him privately before uſed? Or, if any Children in the Pariſh have been baptized privately by any other Lawful Miniſter, have thoſe Children been brought to your Church? And hath the Miniſter of the Pariſh there examin'd, Whether ſuch Children were lawfully baptized or no?

8. Doth your Miniſter refuſe to give the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to any in the Pariſh, and for what Cauſe? Or, doth he give it to any that are ſcandalous and notorious Sinners; to Perſons not well inſtructed in their Faith; or to any that are Excommunicate? Doth he duly adminiſter that Bleſſed Sacrament three times every year at the leaſt, whereof *Eaſter* is one, and give due Warning before?

9. Doth he Marry any Perſons in private Houſes? or ſuch as are under the Age of 21 Years, not having the Conſent of their Parents or Guardians? Hath he marry'd any without Banns firſt publiſh'd three ſeveral Sundays or Holidays in the Church, or at prohibited Times, without Licenſe?

10. Doth he duly bid and obſerve Holidays and Faſts, as appointed? Are the Fifth of *November*, the Thirtieth of *January*, and the Twenty-ninth of *May*, and all Days appointed by Authority for Faſting and Humiliation duly obſerv'd? Doth he, the firſt day of *Lent*, read the Commination and proper Forms of Prayer; the Litany on *Wedneſdays* and *Fridays* throughout the Year; rightly obſerve the Ember and Rogation-Weeks, by Prayer and Perambulation?

11. Is your Miniſter conſtantly reſident amongſt you? Hath he a Curate to aſſiſt him in his Abſence or Preſence? Is that Curate in Holy Orders, and hath he a Licenſe from the Biſhop to ſerve the ſaid Cure? Doth he behave himſelf ſoberly, diſcreetly, and conformably to the Church of *England*? Hath he a ſufficient Salary or Stipend; and is it duly paid? Do any, not being in Orders, or not duly Licenſed, preſume to Preach or to read publick Prayers in the Church, or to adminiſter the Sacraments?

12. Doth your Miniſter every ſix Months publickly denounce all ſuch as continue under the Sentence of Excommunication, not ſeeking to be abſolved? Have any Excommunicate Perſons been received into the Church, without a Certificate of their Abſolution from the Ordinary; or any, ſo dying, been bury'd with Chriſtian Burial?

TIT. IV.

Concerning the Pariſhioners.

1. ARE there any in your Pariſh who are known or reputed Hereticks or Schiſmaticks, refuſing Communion with the Church of *England*; or any open Impugners of the Eſtabliſh'd Religion, of the Regal Supremacy, or of any of the Laws, Rites and Ceremonies, Eccleſiaſtical?

2. Are there any of your Pariſhioners who lie under a common Fame or vehement ſuſpicion of Adultery, Fornication or Inceſt? Are there any common Drunkards, Swearers, or Blaſphemers of God's holy Name,

and Word? Are there any Excommunicate Persons, or any who countenance or keep company with them?

3. Do any of your Parish profane the Lord's Day, by neglecting of publick and holy Duties? or by doing the Works of their ordinary Callings, or using unlawful Recreations; or permitting their Children and Servants so to do? Do they duly observe other Holidays, Festivals and Fasts, appointed by Authority?

4. Do all those who inhabit in your Parish resort to your Church (or Chapel) and continue there during Divine Service, Sermon, and other holy Duties, with Reverence, Order, and Decency? Or, have any occasion'd Riot, Clamour or Fighting, in the Church or Church-yard; Are there any Recusants, convicted Papists, Quakers, Anabaptists or other Sectaries, in your Parish? Do they, or any of them, keep any Schoolmaster in their Houses, who comes not to Church, to hear Divine Service, and receive the Communion?

5. Are there any in your Parish who refuse to have their Infant-Children Baptized by your Minister? Or, do they keep them unbaptiz'd longer than the Church allows? And what Infants or more aged Persons are there in your Parish unbaptized?

6. Do all your Housholders duly send their Children, Apprentices and Servants, to be catechiz'd? And do they take care (when occasion is offer'd) to have them Confirm'd by the Bishop?

7. Is there any person in your Parish (so confirmed and instructed, and being sixteen years of Age) who refuses to receive the blessed Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, three times in the year; Do all receive this sacred

cred Myſtery with that outward Geſture, apparent Humility and Reverence, which becomes them; meekly kneeling upon their knees, according to the Order and Cuſtom of the Church?

8. Are there any in your Pariſh who are known or ſuſpected to be unlawfully married, contrary to the Laws of God and this Church; or within the Degrees of Conſanguinity or Affinity prohibited? Are there any, who being lawfully married (and never legally Divorced) do yet live aſunder; Or, any who, being lawfully divorced, do live together; Or, being ſeparated for Adultery, have afterwards intermarry'd with any other, during the Life of their firſt Conſort?

9. Are there any Women in your Pariſh, who, after their ſafe Delivery from Child-birth, refuſe to make their humble and publick Thankſgiving to God, according to the Appointment of the Church?

10 Are there any of your Pariſhioners who refuſe to pay their *Eaſter*-Offerings and other Dues to your Miniſter; or to pay the Rates aſſeſſed on them for the Repairs and Proviſions of the Church?

11 Do any refuſe to bury their Dead, according to the Rites of the Church of *England*? Are there any Wills or Teſtaments of any Perſons lately deceas'd in your Pariſh, that are not yet proved before a Lawful Judge? Or, do you know or hear of any Goods adminiſter'd without a due Grant from the Ordinary?

TIT. V.

Concerning Church Officers

ARE the Church-wardens of your Pariſh choſen yearly iu *Eaſter*-Week, by the joint Advice and Conſent of your Miniſter and Pariſhioners; or one of them by the Miniſter, and the other by the Pariſhioners; Have the laſt and former Church-wardens provided a ſufficient Quantity of fine white Bread, and of good and wholeſome Wine, againſt every Communion noticed by the Miniſter; Have they given up their juſt Accounts to the next ſucceeding in that Office; together with all publick Money reſting in their Hands, and other Things belonging to your Church or Chapel?

2. Have you a Pariſh-Clerk, aged 20 Years at leaſt, who is of a ſober Life and good Report? Is he choſen by the Miniſter, and of good Abilities in Reading, Writing and Singing, as a Clerk? Are his Wages duly paid him, or who with-holdeth the ſame, or any part thereof?

3. Doth your Clerk or Sexton take care of your Church, to keep it lock'd and clean, to open the Doors, and ring the Bells in due time, to call the Pariſhioners to the Worſhip of God? Doth he alſo admoniſh them, by tolling of a Paſſing-Bell for any that are dying, to meditate of their own Death, and to recommend their Neighbour's weak Condition to the Mercy of God?

Tit. VI.

Concerning Alms-houſes, Schools and School-maſters, Phyſicians, Chirurgeons and Midwives.

1. IS there any Hoſpital, Alms-houſe, or Free-School founded in your Pariſh? Who were the Founders, or are now the Patrons thereof? Are they ſo govern'd and order'd in the Uſe and Revenue as the Founders appointed, and according to the Statutes and Ordinances which have been made concerning the ſame?

2. Is your School-maſter of an Honeſt, Sober and Religious Converſation? Is he Licenſed by the Biſhop? Hath he Subſcribed the Articles, as requir'd by the 36th and 37th Canons, and the Declaration ſpecify'd in the Act of Uniformity, ſo far as now in force? Doth he inſtruct his Scholars in the Catechiſm and Religion of the Church of *England*? Doth he conſtantly bring his Scholars to hear Sermons in the Church, taking care that they there behave themſelves quietly and ſoberly? And, doth he (at ſome convenient time) after their return from Church, examine and enquire what they can ſeverally remember of ſuch Sermons?

3. Do any in your Pariſh practiſe Phyſick, Chirurgery or Midwifery, without Licenſe from the Ordinary?

Tit. VII.

Concerning Eccleſiaſtical-Court Officers.

1. ARE there any that exerciſe Eccleſiaſtical Juriſdiction within this Dioceſe, who take and receive extraordinary Fees for any Cauſe or Act of Court; or who have any ways offended againſt the Laws and Canons? Have Abuſes or Offences been preſented by the Church-wardens? and are any ſuch Offences, being preſented, ſuppreſſed or left unpuniſh'd?

2. What Puniſhment for any ſuch Crimes or Offences have been commuted and exchanged into a pecuniary Mulct or Sum of Money by any Eccleſiaſtical Judge, exerciſing Juriſdiction within this Dioceſe? What was the Sum of Money by them or any of them ſo received and taken? And, to what uſes was the ſame beſtow'd?

3. Have any Apparitors neglected their Duty; or taken any Reward for the concealing of any Offence, or the avoiding of the Puniſhment of the Offenders? Do they ſummon any, without Citiation firſt had from the Court?

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